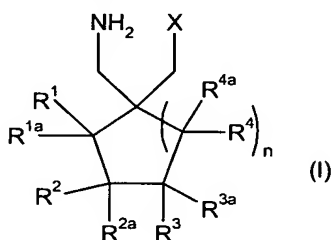


CLAIMS

1. A method of treating COPD or a disease, disorder or condition associated with a diagnosis of COPD in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound comprising an alpha-2-delta ligand or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (I),



wherein:

X is a carboxylic acid or carboxylic acid bioisostere;

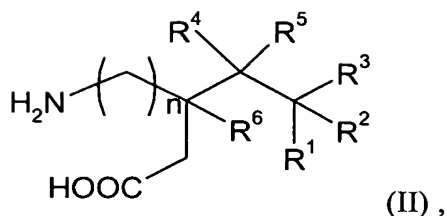
n is 0, 1 or 2; and

R¹, R^{1a}, R², R^{2a}, R³, R^{3a}, R⁴ and R^{4a} are independently selected from H and C₁-C₆ alkyl, or

R¹ and R² or R² and R³ are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl ring, which ring is optionally substituted with one or two C₁-C₆ alkyl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is 3-(1-aminomethyl-cyclohexylmethyl)-4H-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-one; [(1R,5R,6S)-6-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl]acetic acid; (3S,4S)-(1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid; or (1 α ,3 α ,5 α)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid, a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (II),

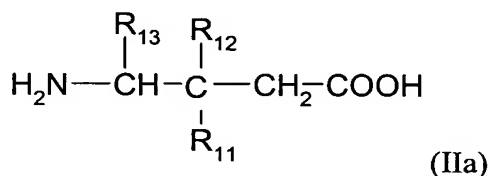


wherein:

n is 0 or 1,

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ are independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

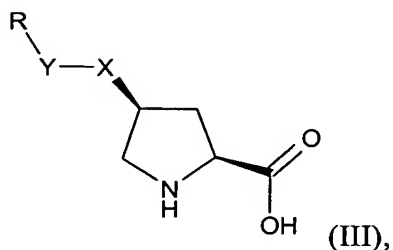
with the proviso that compounds of formula (IIa) are excluded:



wherein R₁₁ is a straight or branched alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons, phenyl, or cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; R₁₂ is hydrogen or methyl; and R₁₃ is hydrogen methyl or carboxyl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is (3S,5R)-3-aminomethyl-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-heptanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-nonanoic acid; or (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-octanoic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (III),



wherein:

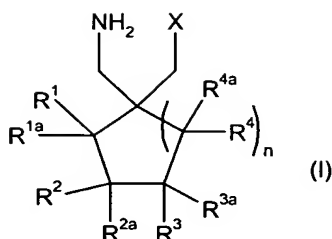
either (a) X is O, S, NH or CH₂ and Y is CH₂ or a direct bond; or (b) Y is O, S or NH and X is CH₂; and

R is a 3-12 membered cycloalkyl, 4-12 membered heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, where any ring may be optionally substituted independently with one or more halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoro C₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoroC₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, di-C₁-C₆ alkylamino, aminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆acyl, C₁-C₆acyloxy, C₁-C₆acyloxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acylamino, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylthiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthioxo, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is (2*S*, 4*S*)-4-(3-chloro-phenoxy)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,3-difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-phoxymethyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

8. A method of treating chronic cough in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of an alpha-2-delta ligand, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (I),



wherein:

X is a carboxylic acid or carboxylic acid bioisostere;

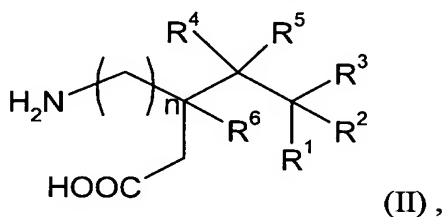
n is 0, 1 or 2; and

R^1 , R^{1a} , R^2 , R^{2a} , R^3 , R^{3a} , R^4 and R^{4a} are independently selected from H and C₁-C₆ alkyl, or

R^1 and R^2 or R^2 and R^3 are taken together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached to form a C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl ring, which ring is optionally substituted with one or two C₁-C₆ alkyl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is selected from 3-(1-aminomethyl-cyclohexylmethyl)-4H-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-one; [(1R,5R,6S)-6-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl]acetic acid; (3S,4S)-(1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid; or (1 α ,3 α ,5 α)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid, a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (II),

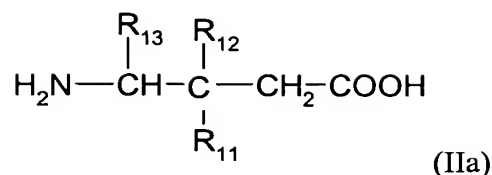


wherein:

n is 0 or 1,

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 are independently H or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

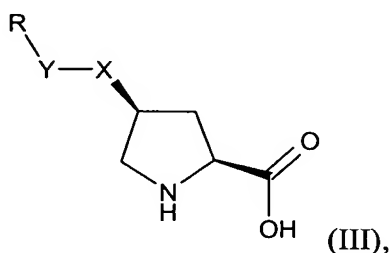
with the proviso that compounds of formula (IIa) are excluded:



wherein R₁₁ is a straight or branched alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbons, phenyl, or cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 carbon atoms; R₁₂ is hydrogen or methyl; and R₁₃ is hydrogen methyl or carboxyl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is (3S,5R)-3-aminomethyl-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-heptanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-nonanoic acid; or (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-octanoic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is a compound of formula (III),



wherein:

either (a) X is O, S, NH or CH₂ and Y is CH₂ or a direct bond; or (b) Y is O, S or NH and X is CH₂; and

R is a 3-12 membered cycloalkyl, 4-12 membered heterocycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, where any ring may be optionally substituted independently with one or more halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkenyl, C₁-C₆ alkynyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoro C₁-C₆ alkyl, perfluoroC₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₁-C₆ alkylamino, di-C₁-C₆ alkylamino, aminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminoC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆acyl, C₁-C₆acyloxy, C₁-

C₆acyloxyC₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ acylamino, C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylthiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthioxo, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand is (2*S*, 4*S*)-4-(3-chloro-phenoxy)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,3-difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-phoxymethyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer or prodrug.

15. The method of any one of claims 1 - 7 wherein said COPD is the COPD that includes chronic bronchitis, pulmonary emphysema or dyspnea associated therewith, or said COPD is characterized by irrerversible, progressive airways obstruction, adult respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) or exacerbation of airways hyper-reactivity consequent to other drug therapy.

16. The method of either claim 1 or 8, wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is gabapentin; pregabalin; [(1*R*,5*R*,6*S*)-6-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl]acetic acid; 3-(1-aminomethyl-cyclohexylmethyl)-4*H*-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-one; (3*S*,4*S*)-(1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid; (1*α*,3*α*,5*α*)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid; (3*S*,5*R*)-3-aminomethyl-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (3*S*,5*R*)-3-amino-5-methyl-heptanoic acid; (3*S*,5*R*)-3-amino-5-methyl-nonanoic acid; (3*S*,5*R*)-3-amino-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (2*S*, 4*S*)-4-(3-Chloro-phenoxy)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,3-difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-fluoro-phoxymethyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer, or prodrug.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound comprises (1 α ,3 α ,5 α)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid, a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer, or prodrug.

5 18. The method of claim 15 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound is gabapentin; pregabalin; [(1R,5R,6S)-6-(aminomethyl)bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-6-yl]acetic acid; 3-(1-aminomethyl-cyclohexylmethyl)-4H-[1,2,4]oxadiazol-5-one; (3S,4S)-(1-aminomethyl-3,4-dimethyl-cyclopentyl)-acetic acid; (1 α ,3 α ,5 α)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid; (3S,5R)-3-aminomethyl-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-
10 heptanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-nonanoic acid; (3S,5R)-3-amino-5-methyl-octanoic acid; (2S, 4S)-4-(3-Chloro-phenoxy)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2S,4S)-4-(3-fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; (2S,4S)-4-(2,3-difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or (2S,4S)-4-(3-fluoro-phoxymethyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound,
15 stereoisomer, or prodrug.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the alpha-2-delta ligand compound comprises (1 α ,3 α ,5 α)(3-amino-methyl-bicyclo[3.2.0]hept-3-yl)-acetic acid, a stereoisomer or prodrug thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound, stereoisomer, or prodrug.

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20. A method of treating COPD or a disease, disorder or condition associated with a diagnosis of COPD in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal in need of such treatment a pharmaceutical composition comprising an alpha-2-delta ligand, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or
25 diluent.

21. A method of treating chronic cough in a mammal, which method comprises administering to said mammal in need of such treatment a pharmaceutical composition comprising an alpha-2-delta ligand, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a
30 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle or diluent.